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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-10, 13, 14, 17-18, 21, 22, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,789,202 to Ko, in view of US Patent 5,870,561 to Jarvis et al. Still yet, the Examiner has rejected Claims 3-5, 7, 11-13, 15, 19-21, and 23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 6,789,202 to Ko, in view of US Patent 5,870,561 to Jarvis et al., and in further view of US Patent 6,158,010 to Moriconi et al.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with such rejection, especially in view of the amendments made hereinabove. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 25-28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has substantially amended the claims in such manner, by incorporating the allowable subject matter of Claim 25 into each of the independent claims.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. NAI1P256/01.003.01).

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